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Docket: 0756-945

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re the Application of
Hisato SHINOHARA et al.
Serial No. 08/169,127
Filed December 20, 1993

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM OF
LASER PROCESSING

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PETITION IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE
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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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ATTN: Office of the Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Office of Special Programs Examination

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Application dated January 12, 1994, it is respectfully petitioned that the subject application be accorded its original filing date of December 20, 1993 because the subject application, as filed December 20, 1993, was complete.

Due to an inadvertent error, the specification incorrectly at page 5, line 13 refers to "Figs. 3(A) to 3(D)". This inadvertent error occurred as follows. The subject application is a continuation-in-part application wherein subject matter directed to new Figures 7(A) through 7(D) and Figure 8 were added to predecessor application Application Serial No.

07/288,186 ('186). A review of the '186 application will disclose that at page 5 thereof (copy attached as Appendix I) that Figures 3(A) and 3(B) were also erroneously referred to as "Figs. 3(A) to 3(D)" in the Brief Description of the Drawing. This error was not discovered by applicant or the Patent Office in the predecessor application. It was this error that was inadvertently carried forward in preparing the subject application.

A review of the subject application at pages 7 and 8 thereof will disclose that only Figs. 3(A) and 3(B) are referred to in the specification. Hence, the reference to Figs. 3(C) and 3(D) in the Brief Description of the Drawing is an inadvertent error and, in fact, the subject application as filed on December 20, 1993 was complete.

Accordingly, submitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment correcting the above-mentioned inadvertent error.

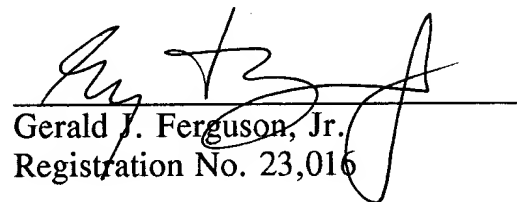
In view of the fact that the reference to Figures 3(C) and 3(D) was an inadvertent error and since all the drawing figures for the subject application were present on filing, it is requested that this petition is in order and that the subject application be accorded its filing date of December 20, 1993.

Submitted herewith is the requisite petition fee of \$130.00 under 37 CFR 1.17(h). It is requested that the petition fee be refunded inasmuch as the subject application was complete.

If any further fees are required to complete this petition or the filing of the subject application, they may be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-

2380. Accordingly, a duplicate copy of this petition is submitted.

Respectfully submitted,



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